

# AGENDA

## PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

August 12, 2009  
9:30 A.M.

Laguna Woods City Hall  
Council Chambers  
24264 El Toro Road  
Laguna Woods, CA 92637

**AGENDA DESCRIPTION:** The Agenda descriptions are intended to give notice, to members of the public, of a general summary of items of business to be transacted or discussed. Any person wishing to address the Public Safety Committee on any matter, whether or not it appears on this agenda, may do so under the appropriate section of the agenda. Whenever possible, lengthy testimony should be presented to the Committee in writing (12 copies) and only pertinent points presented orally. Requests to speak to items on the agenda shall be heard at the appropriate point on the agenda; requests to speak about subjects not on the agenda will be heard during the Public Comment section of the meeting.

### I. CALL TO ORDER

### II. ROLL CALL

### III. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

#### A. Laguna Woods Mutual 50 High Rise Tower Evacuation Plan

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Discuss and provide input.

#### B. No Right Turn on Red Lights

- El Toro and Town Centre
- El Toro and Gate 5 (Avendia Sevilla)
- El Toro and Gate 7 (Calle Sonora)

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Discuss, identify issues and consider making a recommendation to City Council for no right turn on red light postings.

C. Orange County Animal Shelter Services (Attachment 1)

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Discuss and recommend that staff proceed or not proceed to negotiate a memorandum of understanding with the County of Orange for animal relinquishments.

D. Land Use and Design Review Committee/Landscape Advisory Subcommittee

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Appoint an advisor to the Land Use and design Review Landscape subcommittee

**IV. SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES**

- A. Animal Services
- B. Hoarding

**V. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**VII. ADJOURN**

Next regularly scheduled meeting at 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, September 9, 2009.

**AGENDA**  
**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting Recap**

**July 8, 2009**  
**9:30 A.M.**

**Laguna Woods City Hall**  
**Council Chambers**  
**24264 El Toro Road**  
**Laguna Woods, CA 92637**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Virginia Templeton called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Betty Baumann, Hal Horne, Jo Ann Leuck, Nate Rosenblatt,  
Virginia Templeton, Stu Venable

**Absent:** Jan Brayley, George Henderson, Tom Letcher, Ken Min

**III. COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

**A. OCFA's "Ready-Set-Go" Wildland Interface Fire Prevention Program  
(Attachment 1)**

City Manager Leslie Keane discussed the City's participation in Alert OC and wildland fuel modification activities.

OCFA Division Chief Ed Fleming reviewed the Fire Authority's new "Ready-Set-Go" program and answered questions from the Committee. Members of the Committee suggested OCFA promote the program on Channel 31 and TV6, as well as directly to local organizations.

In response to a question about the vulnerability of the wooden fences that separate Laguna Woods Village from the adjacent wildland area, Division Chief Fleming stated that OCFA will look into it.

## B. Right Turn on Red Lights (Attachment 2)

The following intersections were identified for future discussion:

### El Toro Road & Moulton Parkway

- Is it possible for a “no right turn on red” light to turn on when the crosswalk is being used?
- Would it be advantageous to install a sign limiting right turns on red to certain hours of the day?

### Moulton Parkway & Town Centre

- Could a dashed line be drawn leading from the left turn lane off of El Toro Road into the left lane entering Town Centre?
- Committee members will take another look at this intersection and discuss it further at a future meeting.

### El Toro Road & Laguna Woods Village Gate 5

- Committee members will take another look at this intersection and discuss it further at a future meeting.

## C. Traffic Safety Signage: Dual Turn Lanes

The Committee discussed the intersection of Santa Maria Avenue and Moulton Parkway and the possibility of restriping the center lane to allow left turns only. Members Baumann, Horne, and Leuck expressed support for restriping, while members Rosenblatt, Templeton, and Venable expressed concern with the confusion such a change would cause. Members were generally supportive of exploring the possibility of installing additional signage to help clarify the allowable turns.

City Manager Keane stated that she will discuss this issue with the City’s Traffic Engineer and report back at a future meeting.

## IV. SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

### A. Animal Services

City Manager Keane discussed the status of the animal limit ordinance that went into effect on July 1. The City will handle the kennel license process for people who have up to four dogs or six cats. The Laguna Beach Animal Shelter will handle the kennel license process for people who have more than four dogs or six cats.

City Manager Keane noted that it is illegal for an individual to pick-up cats that are unattended and thought to be lost.

Hal Horne suggested that real estate offices should be informed about the animal limit and it should be discussed at Laguna Woods Village's new resident orientations.

Nate Rosenblatt suggested that the City hold monthly orientations of its own for residents. City Manager Keane stated that the City does not have sufficient staff for such a program, but reiterated that staff and City Councilmembers participate in the Village's orientation program. The City also mails a quarterly newsletter to all residents.

#### **B. Hoarding**

Jo Ann Leuck and Stu Venable reported on the first meeting of the sub-committee. Representatives from the City, Fire Authority, and PCM discussed their approaches and experiences related to hoarding.

### **V. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

Virginia Templeton asked who she should contact to report water running down the street from carpet cleaners. Code Enforcement: (949) 639-0500.

### **VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None**


### **VII. ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:37 a.m. The next regular meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be at 9:30 a.m. on August 12, 2009, at Laguna Woods City Hall, 24264 El Toro Road, Laguna Woods, CA 92637.

## City of Laguna Woods Agenda Report

**FOR:** August 12, 2009 Public Safety Committee Meeting

**TO:** Public Safety Committee Chair and Members

**FROM:** Leslie Keane, City Manager 

**AGENDA ITEM:** Memorandum of Understanding with Orange County  
Animal Shelter

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### Recommendation

Discuss and recommend that staff proceed or not proceed to negotiate a memorandum of understanding with the County of Orange for animal relinquishments.

### Background

Prior to incorporation, animal services in Laguna Woods were provided by the County of Orange. In 2001, the City of Laguna Woods entered into a contract with the City of Laguna Beach for animal control and sheltering services. The Laguna Beach animal shelter is not a “no kill” shelter, but it does not euthanize healthy, adoptable animals. It also does not accept owner relinquishments, nor does it euthanize animals at the request of owners. The cost to the City of Laguna Woods for animal services is based on the cost of one animal services officer; there are no additional fees to the City associated with animals impounded. Laguna Beach collects fees from individuals who redeem or adopt impounded animals that offset the cost of sheltering.

### Discussion

Nineteen cities in Orange County contract with the Orange County animal shelter for services. For these cities, the shelter has an open admission policy – they pick up stray and injured animals and accept animal relinquishments. They also have always functioned as the shelter of last resort, accepting animal relinquishments from residents in contract and non-contract cities. Although there is an animal

relinquishment fee, some of the cost for services provided to residents of non-contract cities is currently borne by the County and its contract cities.

Individuals, who surrender their animals to the County for immediate euthanasia based on a medical condition, pay a \$31 fee which covers the cost of the procedure and disposal. Individuals who relinquish an animal for other reasons pay an \$82 fee which covers the cost of two days of board and care. If not adopted, animals in the County shelter are held for at least four days. Depending on available space they may be held longer or may be euthanized. In addition to basic sheltering costs, the County incurs veterinary care for some animals.

The County is considering closing its shelter to animals from non-contract cities. They have offered cities the opportunity to contract for relinquishment services. That contract, however, will be open ended. If an animal is relinquished by a resident of a non-contract city, that city will be billed for additional sheltering costs (\$33 per day per animal), non-medical euthanasia (\$31), and veterinary service costs (unknown) not covered by the relinquishment fee. Residents from cities that do not sign a memorandum of understanding will be turned away from the County shelter.

### **Conclusion**

The County is considering closing its shelter to non-contract cities. Laguna Woods can sign a memorandum of understanding with the County of Orange that allows residents to relinquish their animals at that facility. The City would be responsible for any costs that exceed the relinquishment fee. Although the City and County may agree on a maximum number of days that an animal will be held and a total per day sheltering cost, there is no way to cap the number of animals that might be relinquished or the amount of veterinary services provided.